

THE NCO CREED

No one is more professional than I.
I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of soldiers.
As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that
I am a member of a time honored corps, which is
known as "The Backbone of the Army."

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will
at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps,
the Military Service and my country regardless of the situation
in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to
attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watch-word. My two basic responsibilities
will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my
mission and the welfare of my soldiers. I will strive to remain
tactically and technically proficient. I am aware of my role as
a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities
inherent in that role. All soldiers are entitled to outstanding
leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my soldiers
and I will always place their needs above my own.

I will communicate consistently with my soldiers
and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial
when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish
their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn
their respect and confidence as well as that of my soldiers. I
will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers and
subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking
appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not
compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not
forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are
professionals, Noncommissioned Officers, leaders!